

REMARKS

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112, Indefiniteness

In response to Item 5 of the outstanding office action, applicants have amended claims 2-5 to clarify the relationship of the sequences. Accordingly applicants urge that claims 2-5 are definite.

Applicants have amended claims 5 and 6 to overcome the rejection raised in Item 6.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

Applicants have removed the open language describing the structure of the peptides thereby overcoming the rejection for anticipation by Gobron.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to

Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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